Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 25 Nov 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Nov 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Nov 2021 at 02:48 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for cold, unsettled and windy weather on Friday and Saturday. Low confidence for Sunday and Monday, rain currently expected on Sunday night but timings may change.

Headline for Thursday 25 Nov 2021: Cold. Snow showers. Persistent rain, snow and gales developing after dark.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Nov 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow	Sleet
Precipitation probability					
60%	50%	50%	40%	60%	90%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Nov 2021

Weather: Occasional snow or hail showers expected to continue throughout the day. Best of the sunshine will be this morning, high cloud will spill across by afternoon. Outbreaks of snow will spread from the west through this evening, although snow increasingly confined to 1000 metres by late evening as freezing levels rise. Risk of blizzard conditions developing on the very highest tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Generally very good with good air clarity. Some patchy cloud down to 700 metres in snow showers, when visibility will briefly drop. Becoming poor in evening snow as low cloud becomes more extensive down to 600 metres.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	33/39 N	24/28 NW	22/28 NW	23/29 W	32/40 SW	38/49 W	44/58 W
900	31/37 N	23/28 NW	20/26 NW	22/28 W	29/38 SW	36/47 W	42/56 W
600	20/26 N	15/20 NW	14/19 NW	16/22 W	22/30 SW	26/36 W	31/44 W
300	3/26 N	6/24 NW	4/20 NW	5/22 W	4/26 SW	8/36 W	11/43 W
Glen	8/21 N	8/18 NW	9/18 NW	9/17 W	9/21 SW	15/30 W	20/38 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-3/-13	-4/-12	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-11	-0/-9	0/-9
900	-2/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-2/-10	0/-8	1/-7
600	0/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7	1/-6	3/-4	3/-4
300	1/-1	0/-3	2/-1	1/-1	2/-0	4/1	5/2
Glen	3/0	3/-1	4/0	4/1	5/2	7/3	8/4
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	400m	400m	700m	1000m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds and cold air will lead to a risk of severe wind chill at higher elevations. Some treacherous conditions developing quickly by early evening as rain, snow, low cloud and gales spread from the west.

Forecast for Friday 26 Nov 2021

Weather: Cloudy with rain, and higher summit snow, in the early hours. Then sunny periods and snow or hail showers in the morning. Clouding over the risk of some persistent and heavy snow as the afternoon progresses, this may set in for the rest of the day across some ranges. Blizzards developing with gale or severe gale force northerly winds setting in by evening leading to some treacherous conditions. Feeling bitterly cold.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly winds gusting 50 to 60 mph, may as high as 70 to 80 mph after dark on the highest tops.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%, low cloud may become more prevalent later in the day. Best of the cloud breaks in the south of the area.

Visibility: Very good outside of cloud and showers, but becoming poor in any snow and low cloud through the afternoon and evening. Cloud lowering to 500 to 700 metres in heavier wintry showers, and more widely later.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero Celsius rising to 4 Celsius
At 800m: Around minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits in the early hours, then lowering to 400 metres, and rising to 600 metres later

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